

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated December 13, 2007, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by March 13, 2008, and with the initial two-month period expiring on February 13, 2008.

Claims 1-2 and 7-13 are pending in this application.

In the final Office Action, claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,015,017 to Lauterwald.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1 and 7-12.

In the present amendment, claim 13 has been amended to add the features of allowable claim 1 regarding the shape of the eccentric element to more clearly distinguish claim 13 over the Lauterwald reference. Specifically, amended claim 13 now defines, like allowed claim 1, that "*the shape of the eccentric element (12) differs significantly from that of a rod as well as a circular shape*".

Because amended claim 13 includes features that have been deemed allowable in claim 1, claim 13 also should be allowable over the Lauterwald reference on the same basis as claim 1. Allowance of claim 13 is therefore respectfully requested.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much

welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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